WP(C) 4497/2007

BEFORE

HON'BLR MR. JUSTICE HRISHIKESH ROY.

Heard Mr. A. Thakur, learned counsel for the petitioner. Also heard Ms R. Chakraborty, learned Government Advocate, who appears for the official respondents. Ms N. Hawelia, learned Central Govt. Counsel appears for the Respondent No.3. None appears for the Respondent No.2.

This matter pertains to grievance of non-disbursement of transport subsidy, which has been duly sanctioned by the State Level Committee in terms of the Transport Subsidy Scheme of 1971 applicable to the industries located in the North Eastern Region.

It is submitted by Mr. Thakur, learned counsel for the petitioner that the procedure for sanction and disbursement of transport subsidy is by ensuring the scrutiny of the claim by the State Level Committee constituted for the purpose and the disbursement is to be made through the Respondent No.4 i.e. the North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd.

It is contended that the State Level Committee has already recommended the subsidy claim of the petitioner and

despite such recommendation, the due sanctioned amount is yet to be paid. Learned counsel has also produced several earlier Court orders passed by this Court directing the respondent-authorities to disburse the amount of subsidy, if it is found that the concerned industry is entitled to receive such subsidy.

It is submitted by Ms R. Chakraborty, learned State counsel that the State Level Committee has already approved the transport subsidy claim made by the writ petitioner.

In view of above, this writ petition is disposed of by directing the respondent-authorities to consider the entitlement for transport subsidy claimed by the petitioner. If such claim is justified, the authorities shall take necessary steps for disbursement of the subsidy.

The aforesaid consideration shall be made expeditiously and preferably within four months from today.